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Spotter Training 2005

Spotter training courses will again be offered throughout the Warning and Forecast Office (WFO) Des Moines County Warning Area (CWA) this Spring. National Weather Service (NWS) personnel travel to numerous Iowa counties and provide training to Emergency Management spotters along with NWS and Amateur Radio spotters. Spotter training courses are hosted by county Emergency Management Coordinators, or designee's and registration is not necessary nor is there a fee to attend the training sessions.

Spotter training 2005 will kick off on February 16th, 2005 in Oskaloosa, Mahaska County, at 7 p.m., and sessions will continue through mid April.

A complete spotter training schedule is on our web site [click here](#). There may be two training sessions in two different locations on the same day. Also, some counties may not schedule a training session this year. If that is the case, please attend a training session in a neighboring county.

A single type of training session will be offered this year with introductory, intermediate and advanced information contained within the same session. An amateur radio representative may often accompany the NWS instructor to answer questions concerning the Mid Iowa Skywarn Association and two-way amateur radio communication of severe weather information. Class length is usually between 90 and 120 minutes.

In addition to spotter training sessions, an on-line spotter training course is now available. It was developed at the NWS in Des Moines and it is designed for spotters in the Des Moines CWA. The on-line course is very detailed and it will challenge even the most advanced spotters. To view the on-line course, [click here](#).

To help promote spotter training in your area, we encourage you to work with the local emergency management coordinator to advertise the presentation in your community.

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